

## THE WEATHER

OREGON: Tonight and Saturday fair, moderate southerly winds.

LOCAL: Rainfall .11; southerly winds; cloudy; max. 48, min. 32; river 6.6 feet and stationary.

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## OPERATORS STAND PAT IN FACE OF STRIKE

### INSIST ON PAYMENT OF CLAIM

#### Senate Leaders of Both Parties Demand That Expenses of Troops in Germany Be Paid

London, Mar. 17.—(By Associated Press)—Drastic reductions for the estimates for the air forces for the coming year were announced today. The estimates provide 9,935,500 pounds for normal services and 959,500 pounds for war liabilities. Last year's figures were 15,809,000 for normal services and 1,471,000 pounds for war liabilities.

A reduction in force equal to two squadrons is proposed.

#### Allies Criticized.

Both Senators Lodge and Underwood charged the allies with attempting "by a technicality to oppose payment of the bill for the American troops" while Senator Borah said the allies' attitude was "entirely unwarranted."

Senator Underwood asserted the republicans were responsible for not having a member on the reparations committee. This, the democratic leader asserted, was the only way in which the occupation claim could be collected.

Senators Lodge and Poindexter, republican, Washington, denied this contention, declaring obligation to pay for the American soldiers rested upon the armistice agreement and not upon either the treaty of Berlin or that of Versailles.

Senator Borah brought up the question today in the senate. He called attention to reports that Premier Poincare of France had declared America has no right to collect for the keep for American troops in Germany.

Demands Evacuation.

"I have no doubt that Secretary Hughes will work out some method of securing payment," said Senator Borah, stating, however, that he was primarily interested in having all American troops brought out of Germany.

"Our army was left in Europe supposedly for the benefit of the allies," said the Idaho senator.

"Certainly it was not for the benefit of the American people directly or particularly. It now appears that our army is no longer needed in Europe. It seems to me that the attitude of the allies is entirely unwarranted and warrants our bringing home all of our soldiers."

### Candidates For Elective Offices Shy

A serious shortage in the crop of candidates for state and district offices to be filled in the November elections is reported by Secretary of State Koser. Up to this time with the closing date for filings only 28 days away, only 24 republicans and three democrats have formally entered the race for favors in the May primaries, with a total of 107 state and district offices to be filled this year.

At this time two years ago, a month prior to the primaries of 1920, Koser points out, more than 40 republicans were formally entered in the political race with a total of 290 candidates for republican primary favors entered before filing time closed.

With 17 circuit judgeships to be filled only six candidates have so far made an appearance. Nine senatorial aspirants, all republicans, are out for the 16 seats to be filled in the upper house of the state legislature while only ten—nine republicans and one democrat—have filed their declaration of intentions to seek one of the 69 seats available in the house of representatives.

Of the higher offices to be filled the filings are limited to three—Dr. J. W. Morrow for democratic national committeeman; Franklin F. Kores, republican, for congressman from the third district, and C. H. Gram, republican, for state labor commissioner.

The last day for filing for the May primaries, Koser points out, will be April 14.

### Frazier Files Today For Job of Recorder; Cooper For Council

#### Faculty Puts Ban On Knickers; Not Suitable for School

Atlantic City, N. J., March 17.—The high school faculty announced today that knickers for girls were taboo. This followed the appearance of Miss Grace Boyajian, daughter of a board walk merchant, in green checked knickers and fawn colored coat. Other girls hastened to the knickers as soon as the ban was broken.

"For a girl course, not for the class," read the faculty rule.

### MUS FIX TRACKS IN PORTLAND

#### Street Car Company Is Ordered to Expend \$500,000 for Improvements by Order

The Portland Railway, Light & Power company must spend not less than \$500,000 in the next nine months on maintenance, construction and reconstruction of track and paving of the Portland city railway systems.

This requirement is set forth in a letter to Franklin T. Griffith, president of the company, by Fred G. Buchtel, public service commissioner, this morning.

Buchtel also requests the co-operation of the company in giving preference in employment on this work to married men and ex-service men and suggests that the improvement program be gotten under way as early as possible.

In his letter to Griffith Buchtel calls attention to the provisions in the commission's order of 1920 increasing rates on the Portland lines, which required the expenditure by the company of \$819,950 in the rehabilitation of the company's layout. This amount, it is pointed out does not include expenditures for current maintenance but only took into consideration deferred maintenance and reconstruction.

"While other factors were advanced by the company as being of much greater importance, this commission nevertheless did give consideration to the deferred maintenance and reconstruction program as outlined and are at this time directing your attention to certain pertinent facts," Buchtel's letter reads.

### K.K.K. Adds \$200 to Reward Fund Journal Started

One thousand two hundred dollars now is in the reward fund, started by The Capital Journal on March 7, which is offered to the person or persons who can furnish information leading to the arrest and conviction of the moral pervert who, on March 6, assaulted two little Salem girls who were on their way to Sunday school. The reward which, until yesterday had stood at \$1,000, was raised \$200 by the Salem chapter of the Ku Klux Klan.

The sheriff's office and police department said this afternoon that no new information relative to the assault has been received recently.

The reward fund was made up in the following order: The Capital, \$100; Salem street car employees, \$100; Homer Smith, insurance man, \$100; unnamed contributor, \$100; city council, \$500; Louis Lachmund, state senator, \$100; Ku Klux Klan, \$200.

The two little girls assaulted are members of prominent Salem families. They were not seriously injured.

The Klan's money is payable under the same condition as the rest of the reward, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the pervert.

### ASTORIA IS VICTOR IN GAME ONE

#### Fishermen Defeat Newberg Five In First Contest For State Basketball

P. L. Frazier, retired attorney of this city, and Batty Cooper, garage man, today filed petitions with City Recorder Earl Race in which are announced their intentions to be candidates for the positions of city recorder and alderman, respectively. Mr. Cooper hopes to be councilman from the fifth ward.

The petitions were the first to be received by Recorder Race. Mark Poulsen, deputy city recorder, who is out as a candidate to succeed Mr. Race, who will retire, said today he will file his formal petition tomorrow.

Three men have already announced that they will be candidates for mayor of Salem. They are John B. Giesy, Henry H. Vandevort and Dr. Floyd L. Utter. All of the men are aldermen. Mr. Giesy has served in the council for two years, Mr. Vandevort for four and Dr. Utter for four. All have lived in Salem for many years.

Politics forms the chief topic for conversation about the city hall at the present time. Clyde Rice, city treasurer for the past eight years, has announced that he will be a candidate for reelection.

Whether or not he will be a candidate for mayor, City Recorder Race refused to say today. He has not yet definitely announced that his name will not be on the ballot in the May primaries.

Although the name of August Hucklestein, postmaster, has been mentioned in connection with the mayoralty, he said today that he will not enter the race.

### Ulster Not to Yield Inch of Land to South

Belfast, March 17.—Not an inch of Ulster territory will be yielded to southern Ireland, speakers at Killeel Orange meeting last evening declared.

Harry Mulholland, member of the Ulster parliament, son of Lord Dunleath told the meeting the Orangemen had decided to have nothing to do with the boundary commission established by the Anglo-Irish treaty.

"Before we yield an inch of our territory to the rebels they will have to kill twenty or thirty thousand Orangemen," he declared. "If such a thing is attempted, thousands of Orangemen in the colonies will flock to Ulster's aid."

Lady Craig, wife of the Ulster premier, also spoke, saying the premier's recent tour had resulted in a determination on his part never to allow an inch of territory to be yielded to Ulster.

Field Marshal Sir Henry Hughes Wilson, who is formulating plans for maintaining order in Ulster, arrives in Belfast today from England. He will leave on a tour of the border after consulting Home Secretary Baten.

The men sentenced recently at Enniskillen in connection with the kidnapping raid have begun a hunger strike in the Londonderry jail.

### Battle Royal Will Be Seen On High School Card Here

A battle royal, in which four Salem high school youths will participate, will be one of the features on the card at the smokehouse to be held between Che-maws and Salem high school athletes at the local school next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. It was announced this afternoon.

Ten events will be on the card, and promoters of the smoker declare that it will be one of the best ever held in the city.

### White and Dundee to Clash Tonight

New York, March 17.—Charley White of Chicago and Johnny Dundee of New York, veteran lightweights, will meet in Madison Square Garden tonight. They are booked to go 15 rounds. Both boys are looking forward to matches with Benny Leonard.

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Tonight.  
7:30—Ashland vs. Redmond.  
8:30—Salem vs. Astoria.

Saturday Afternoon.  
2:00—Winners of Eugene vs. Joseph and Pendleton-North Bend games.  
3:00—Winners of Ashland-Redmond and Salem-Astoria games.

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Collecting baskets like they would Royal Chinooks during a record run, the Astoria high school quintet yesterday afternoon rallied from a slow start and took the first step toward the interscholastic basketball championship and started the three-day tournament here off with a bang. The Fishermen's laddies defeated the Newberg five by a score of 27 to 21, but not until after the Newberg lads had threatened to swamp the smooth sailing loop-game craft from the lower Columbia.

What gave promise of a slow and uninteresting game during the opening moments later developed into a hard-fought and speedy exhibition of basketball that launched the tournament with a rush and left a decidedly good taste in the mouths of the fans. The second half particularly was replete with spectacular floor work and snappy accurate passing. If yesterday's game is a fair sample of what all the contests are to be the tournament is going to be a series of high class exhibitions.

### Trains Clash Head-On Near Butte; 2 Dead

Butte, Mont., March 17.—Engineer E. F. Caldwell of Livingston on train 220 and an unidentified man said to have been beating his way on No. 220 were killed this morning when Northern Pacific trains Numbers 1 and 220 collided at Welsh, 16 miles from Butte. Some passengers were slightly bruised. There were no other serious injuries according to latest reports. Relief train with dead and injured is now en route to Butte from the scene of the accident.

The following message received by the local Northern Pacific office from Superintendent G. H. Jacobus at Livingston:

"Conductor Thomas of No. 1 reports that none of the passengers on his train were injured with the exception of a few who sustained slight bruises. From the best information available, no passengers were seriously injured, either on Nos. 220 or 1."

Thomas B. Kay of Salem wants to return to his old seat in the house of representatives. Kay Thursday filed his formal declaration as a candidate for the republican nomination with the secretary of state's office. His slogan reads: "Will work for lower taxes, fewer commissions and less bonds."

In his platform Kay promises to "use my best efforts to bring about a lowering of taxation by a reduction in millage tax measures; by eliminating boards and commissions and combining them into as few departments as is possible without impairing efficiency in the transaction of the state's business and in all ways possible to assist in bringing about a return to normal conditions in public policies at the same time having due regard for the increasing population and progress of our growing commonwealth."

### Woman Puts Robber To Rout; Wields Wicked Milk Jar

Tacoma, Wash., March 17.—Ability to wield a milk bottle saved Mrs. F. B. Fisher from robbery last night. She was carrying the bottle to a store when a man suddenly seized her. Two blows with the bottle to the neck of the assailant sent him reeling and for good measure the woman followed him up and handed two more heavy blows. She chased the man two blocks.

### Herberta Fagan Files Suit For Divorce

Charging cruel and inhuman treatment, Herberta G. Fagan filed suit for divorce against Raymond Fagan in the circuit court this morning.

Mrs. Fagan alleges that her husband assaulted her with a butcher knife on one occasion, and on another kicked her out of bed and was continually accusing her of infidelity.

The property rights of the couple have been settled out of court, according to the complaint. The couple were married in 1913, shortly after which time her husband began treating her cruelly and making fun of her religion. Mrs. Fagan asserts.

### Silver Bullion Is Found Buried On New York Farm

Buffalo, N. Y., Mar. 17.—The police and the sheriff's office today were trying to solve the problem of how bar silver worth between \$3500 and \$4000 came to be buried on the farm of Lewis Salmon on the east bank of the Niagara river near LaSalle.

Salmon called on a Buffalo jeweler yesterday with a sample of the metal, which he had turned up with a spade. Learning that it was real bullion, Salmon reported his find to the police.

They dug up 44 bars, each six inches long, three inches wide and half an inch thick. The soil showed no sign that the bullion had been recently buried.

### OBENCHAIN CASE GOES TO JURORS

State Closes Argument and Court Delivers Instructions In Los Angeles Trial

Los Angeles, Cal., March 17.—The case of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, charged with the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, was ready for the jury at noon today when Judge Reeve finished reading his instructions. Judge Reeve then directed the jury to go to its room and elect a foreman, after which it was taken to lunch before beginning its deliberations.

A large crowd jammed the small court room and the corridors of the Hall of Justice, while hundreds more stood in the streets outside. Extra precautions were taken for guarding the jury after the case was submitted to it.

### 25 Percent Tax Cut League Plan

McMinnville, Or., March 17.—Plans for a state-wide convention of representatives of tax reduction clubs of Oregon, starting in Portland, March 20, were announced here today by J. C. Cooper of McMinnville, president of the state organization.

Reduction of 25 per cent in expenses of state, county and municipal governments was declared by Cooper to be the object of the organization. Three proposed income tax measures are expected to be considered.

### Bakersfield Has New Sensation; Snow Covers City

Bakersfield, Cal., March 17.—For the first time in the history of Bakersfield people here awakened today to see the city covered with a blanket of snow. The fall is estimated at 3 inches, one inch remaining on the ground this morning.

The snow of last night was the heaviest and most prolonged in the city's history. It is not thought that lettuce or other truck crops were damaged seriously.

### Score Knockout

Fort Worth, Texas, March 17.—Jim Flynn, Pueblo, knocked out Ben Sheff of Kansas City in a round and a half here last night.

### NEW NAME NECESSARY IN CHARTER

#### West Salem Council to Pick New Title for Inclusion In Revised City Charter

City dads of West Salem besides having to decide on a change of name for the Polk county metropolis at their meeting next Monday night, will be confronted by the proposition of accepting a new city charter, which is now ready for their approval.

Consideration of the new name will, of course, come first so that it can be incorporated in the new instrument when it is submitted to the people for vote, according to Millar McGilchrist, who has been employed by the council of West Salem as consulting attorney.

The new charter besides consolidating the amendments of the old charter, which was adopted when the city was incorporated in 1913, provides means for collecting assessments on property for street improvements. There is a large amount of money now outstanding which the city has been unable to collect, not having the necessary power. The provision follows the state law allowing the city to sell the property to collect for the improvements.

Under this head the city will be invested with the power of constructing sidewalks and charging up the expense against the owner of the property. This provision also required citizens to connect up their cess pools and drain pipes with sewers.

### JITNEY BUS HEARING IS LIVELY ONE

Discussion of Insurance Requirements Is Chief Topic Called for Discussion

With stage, bus and truck operators seeking a way to get out from under the burdensome insurance premiums imposed under the provisions of the law placing these carriers under the jurisdiction of the public service commission and with insurance companies quarreling among themselves as to who is to get the spoils represented by this new class of business, the hearing before the commission Thursday resolved itself into a discussion of the insurance features of the new law.

Robert Maguire, Portland attorney representing interinsurance companies of the state, threw a small sized bomb into the session when he produced copies of two opinions written by I. H. Van Winkle, present attorney general, covering interinsurance companies. In one opinion written to Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner in 1919, Van Winkle, then assistant attorney general, held that an interinsurance company operating under the laws of Oregon could write any class of business, including indemnity insurance, with the exception of life insurance. In an opinion to the public service commission of recent date the attorney general has held that interinsurance companies could not write indemnity insurance.

With the exception of defining the duty of the water commission and providing the method for annexation of territory in the future, there is but little further alteration.

### Local Firemen Called But She Puts Out Blaze

Mrs. Harvey Stanton, wife of the superintendent of the Salem gas plant, may have a position with the Salem fire department at any time she so elects. Her presence of mind, her speed and her willingness to work would make her an asset to any department, local fighters declared this morning.

At 11:19 today a fire broke out in the Stanton residence at 1560 South Cottage street. Wall paper in the living room was ablaze. A neighbor of the Stanton's put in a call.

Two trucks speeded to the scene of the fire.

When they arrived they found that Mrs. Stanton, working single-handed with a garden hose which she had found and attached to a hydrant, had the conflagration under control.

"If it hadn't been for her the entire house might have gone," Chief "Buck" Hutton said.

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### Editor to Talk At Commercial Club Luncheon

E. E. Faville, editor of the Western Farmer, a Portland publication, will be the speaker at next Monday's luncheon at the Salem Commercial club, Robert Duncan, manager of the club, announced this morning.

Mr. Faville's subject will be, "The Farmer Bloc."

"Mr. Faville has just returned from Washington, D. C., where he attended the farmers' congress," Mr. Duncan said, "and he is an authority on the subject he has chosen. The Portland Chamber of Commerce, before which he spoke recently, was so enthusiastic over his address that it is sending him to every commercial club in the Willamette valley. I am sure that his talk will be of interest to every man who is present next Monday noon."

Mr. Faville made his talk before the Portland chamber last week-end. Salem is his first stop outside of the metropolis.

### REFUSE TO ARBITRATE ON POLICY

Conference With Miners Proposed by Secretary of Labor Is Flatly Turned Down

Washington, March 17.—Secretary Davis today gave out a statement saying that coal operators of the central competitive bituminous field had refused positively to accept his proposals for a conference with the United Mine Workers to consider anew working agreement to replace that expiring March 1.

The only exception to the general refusal of the operators, the secretary said, was demonstrated by the Illinois operators. The Indiana coal operators association, he added, had tentatively agreed to the joint conference proposals but later had withdrawn its decision.

Says Pay Must Drop.

New York, March 17.—Anthracite operators today notified mine workers that a deflation in the cost of production was imperative and that adjustment of wage rates was the first necessary step in reducing the cost to the consumer and insuring continued stability of the industry.

### Retail Food Prices Show Slight Drop

Washington, March 17.—Retail food costs for the average family in the United States during February were 0.3 per cent less than during January, according to compilations made by the United States department of labor today. This decrease, combined with others that have occurred since February 15, 1921, made the total reductions for a year average 11 per cent.

Of 27 articles of food entering into the average diet, reductions ranged from 28 per cent during the year on granulated sugar down to 2 per cent on canned peas. Increases were found to have been made in the prices of 7 other articles included in the general diet, amounting to as much as 179 per cent for onions and one per cent for fresh eggs.

Wholesale prices during February, however, showed a tendency to increase and the weighted index number, which the department prepared to indicate the general price level was placed at 151, a gain of 2 per cent over levels in February. This resulted from a rapid advance in cotton, wheat and cattle which occurred during the fore part of the month. Since February a year ago, the bureau estimates, wholesale prices have declined 3 1/2 per cent.

### Los Angeles Man On Olympic Board

Geneva, March 17.—William Garland of Los Angeles has been elected American member of the international Olympic games committee. This announcement was made by Baron De Coubertin, president of the commission. The election of Garland fills the vacancy caused by the resignation of Allison Armour of Chicago some months ago.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 17.—William Garland, president of the Los Angeles Athletic club, mentioned in Geneva dispatch as having been elected an American member of the international Olympic games, presented to the committee two years ago at Antwerp an invitation to hold the 1934 Olympiad in Los Angeles.